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FCC Clarifies Details Of Cores Amateur Implementation

from *The ARRL Letter* – The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has clarified several issues regarding Amateur Service implementation of the Commission Registration System—or CORES. Starting December 3, everyone doing business with the FCC—including amateur licensees—must obtain and use a 10-digit FCC Registration Number (FRN) when filing. Many amateurs will not need to take any action to comply with the new requirement, which further expands the number of FCC abbreviations, numbers and systems hams need to be aware of.

Amateur licensees now registered in the Universal Licensing System (ULS) already have been cross-registered in CORES and issued an FRN by mail. The FCC said it planned another cross-registration by November 28. Amateurs can check to see if they have an FRN via a ULS license search. Many Internet call sign servers, including ARRL's, also provide this information.

Once CORES becomes mandatory, the FCC will "auto-register" all amateurs who seek to register in ULS and will issue them an FRN. Amateurs then should use the FRN in place of a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN—typically an individual's Social Security Number) when filing applications with the FCC. New or upgrade license applicants not previously registered in ULS will be registered automatically in both CORES and ULS when they provide a TIN on a license application filed through a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator.

Both ULS and CORES will contain a licensee's FRN, but updating information in one system will not update the other. For amateurs, CORES registration will replace ULS "TIN/Call Sign" registration. Once CORES becomes mandatory, those registering in ULS will be redirected to CORES registration. The ULS will remain the Amateur Service licensing database within WTB, however, and only ULS will associate an individual with a particular call sign and FRN.

Going away December 3 will be the so-called Assigned Taxpayer Identification Number, or ATIN, which the FCC has been issuing to applicants ineligible to obtain a Social Security Number, such as foreign applicants and club station licensees. CORES will offer exemptions to amateur clubs and to foreign entities not holding a TIN/SSN. The FCC is encouraging club station applicants to first register in CORES and then use their FRN when filing via a Club Station Call Sign Administrator. Club station applicants also may use a trustee's TIN/SSN or a tax-exempt club's IRS-assigned EIN.

The WTB says that starting December 3, "all passwords will be maintained in the CORES database." Amateurs using paper FCC Form 160 to register in CORES will be mailed a CORES password for on-line access.

The FCC continues to work out the details of how amateurs, CORES and ULS will coexist. Amateur Service testing with CORES is planned for November. For more information about CORES, visit the FCC Web site <http://www.fcc.gov/> and click on the "Commission Registration System" link.

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President's Corner

At the conclusion of our last club meeting, we had elected our new board for next year. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those who are putting in the effort to keeping the club moving forward in 2002. On the positive side, all board positions were filled, and we have some new board members to welcome. On the down side, some of the board have served in their present titles for as long four years, possibly more. These fellows are doing a great job, but hopefully they will get some relief at next year's election. Please consider doing your part as the FWRC moves into it's 82nd year.

As I write this editorial, mother nature has once again dealt us a hard blow. The 146.76 repeater is down again (and so is my HF antenna...), so a repair job is needed. Hopefully, the repeater will be back up in time to continue the On-The-Air code classes.

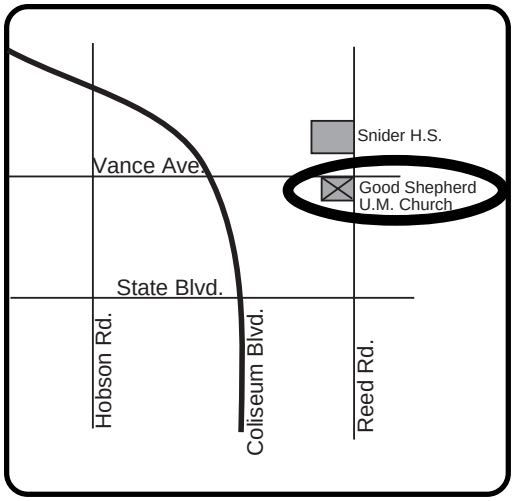
Speaking of the code classes, we have a small be very devoted group of followers making use of the instruction. Classes will continue on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights up to the Fort Wayne Hamfest. One interesting observation on the code class is the number of "old timers" that have been listening in. I guess everyone needs a little "brushing up" from time to time. All of the participants are doing quite well, and I feel that we will have a bunch of new generals by the time of the Hamfest.

Since most of us will be attending Indiana's BEST hamfest in November, make sure to stop by the Fort Wayne Radio Club table and pay your dues for next year. What could be more convenient?

What's coming up after the Hamfest? How about the Christmas Banquet! Mark your calendars for December 14th! See you there!

The meeting for November is on the 9th, which is a week earlier than normal due to the Hamfest. Time will be 7:00 pm, and the program is still being worked on. Hope to see you there!

73, Steve



Nov. Meeting

Friday, Nov. 9, 2001, 7:00 PM
NOTE: This is one week early!
Program: TBD

Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes

October 19, 2001

The October, 2001 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club commenced at 6:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. There were about 40 people present and the meeting was hosted by President Steve Nardin.

The first item of business was a presentation on Emergency Preparedness by Mr. Ed LaRouche of the Allen County Emergency Preparedness Office. Mr. LaRouche provided some very valuable insight into what we as ordinary citizens should consider and have on hand if some form of incident (tornado, snow storm, flood, etc.) should befall our community.

The minutes from the September meeting were read and there were no corrections.

Treasurer Bob Streeter provided a status of club finances as follows: As of 19 October 2001 the club had year-to-date income of $2,420.54 and expenses of $2,138.37. It had $87.12 cash on hand, $6,933.12 in checking/savings and had total assets of $11,355.54 including the estimated value of club property.

Steve Nardin thanked Carl Rittenhouse for his efforts in upgrading and repairing the Club's trailer. Carl, Tom Baker, Bill Hall and Steve Nardin worked on various components of the trailer including the generator, cabling, switch boxes and cosmetics of the trailer itself. The trailer should now be able to reliably serve the club should the need arise.

Carl Rittenhouse noted that the September Foxhunt had to be canceled but that the October hunt was scheduled to occur Sunday, November 3 starting at 13:30.

Steve Nardin announced that our participation in the Jamboree On-The-Air activity (JOTA) with the Scouts would not occur this year due to an apparent lack of interest on the part of the Girl Scouts. However, the Boy Scouts have expressed an interest in our supporting them next year including the setting up of a station at their local offices.

Steve also announced that participation in the Club's code practice activities (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings using the 146.76 machine) have had a consistent audience of about 8 persons (8 check-in's). There may be others out there just listening who don't check in.

Tom Baker conducted the 50/50 drawing involving a pot of $20.00. Sure enough, the lucky winner was .....Tom Baker. Tom graciously contributed his share of the winnings to the club.

Tom Baker served as Master of Ceremonies for the Club elections for the CY2002 club year. As there were only one candidate each for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer , Secretary and Communications Manager, these positions were won by Tom Baker - N9TB (Prez), Steve Nardin - WB9ZIY (VP), Bob Streeter - W8ST (Treasurer), Al Burke - WB9SSE (Secretary), and Clint Stedge - KB9LOF (Communications Manager). However, there were six candidates for the Board of Directors positions of which four were elected by secret ballot. Those elected were: Carole Burke -WB9RUS, Jim Pliett - K9OMA, Larry Temenoff - KB9OS and Rich Andrew - N9HRA.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Fort Wayne Radio Club Christmas Party

The annual Fort Wayne Radio Club Christmas party will be held Friday, December 14, 2001, 6:30 P.M. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. It will be a total carry-in. At the last two dinners we had a grand assortment of food, I hope we can continue this trend. We all are such good cooks. The entertainment will be provided by The Major Chords. They sang for us last year and did a very fine job so we are looking forward to another fun evening. They will be a voluntary gift exchange. If you wish to participate, please bring a gift of about $5. If you are a man, please bring a gift marked for "A Man". And if you are a lady, please bring a gift marked "A Lady". Also, PLEASE put you name in the "from" section of the tag so we know who to thank. I hate anonymous gifts. We are looking forward to good food, good entertainment and lots of fun.

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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President's Message

November is finally here, and you know what that means. It is time for the Hamfest. For those who will be working at the Hamfest you should be getting your workers information package in the mail. For those who usually meet on Saturday morning for breakfast, the information package may list Omega as the meeting place. The breakfast location may need to be changed as Omega is no longer open 24 hours. They do not open until 5 AM. Listen to the IMO net on Friday, November 16 for the location and time. There are a few other places we can go and a decision will be made on one.

At the October general meeting we passed an amendment to our bylaws to remove the term limits for officers. This was done so that we could retain experienced people who want to serve the club, but were unable to because of the existing bylaw. The current officers and managers have indicated that they will accept nomination to their current position for 2002. There were no nominations for Secretary and Activities Manager and they remain "OPEN". At the November general meeting we will accept nominations for all positions before we vote for Officers and Managers for 2002. If you are interested in a position, let me know. You do not have to wait until the meeting. For the open position of Secretary, the candidate should have a computer as you will be keeping membership records and printing mailing labels. For the open position of Activities Manager, you arrange for the program and refreshments for the meeting. Several of the meeting dates already have programs set for them as they are annual activities. That leaves about 7 meetings that need programs. This is your club, but we also need your help to make it run smoothly and be enjoyable for everyone. So step forward and volunteer to run for a position, especially the OPEN ones.

Well, that's all from my soapbox this month. Congratulations go to Wilbur Ort, KB9IQW who won the weather radio we gave away at the October meeting. See everyone at the Hamfest.

73, Vic, KA9LTV

ACARTS November Program

The November program will be a drawing for the Hamfest workers prizes. We will also see a tape by Frank Moore, the general manager at WANE, Channel 15. The tape is from the Gulf war in 1991. Mr. Moore, who is a ham, played a key part in getting information from inside Kuwait by way of ham radio. That information was forwarded to Washington. The tape also showed some of the footage that never made it on the nightly news because it was too intense to show.

73, Vic, KA9LTV

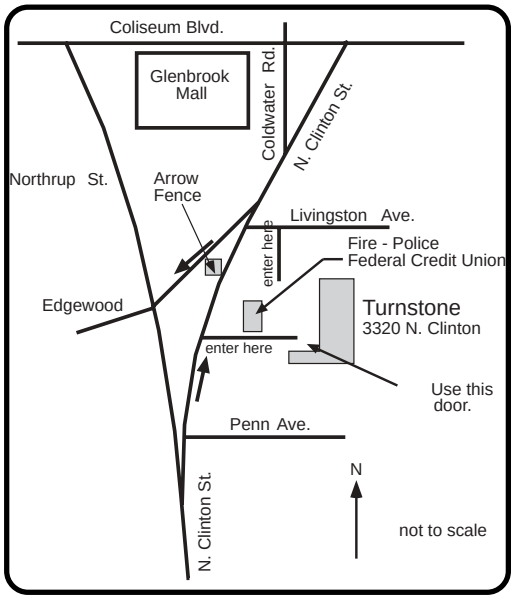
Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at 7:30 PM at Turnstone unless otherwise noted.

Nov. Meeting: Tue. 11/20/01. Program: see above

Board Meeting: 11/13/2001
All members are encouraged to attend.

Tech Committee: TBD



ACARTS Christmas Party

The AC-ARTS Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 8, at Turnstone. We will start gathering at 6:00 PM, and plan to eat around 6:30 PM. The club will provide the meat and drinks. Bring a covered dish to share.

Also bring a wrapped gift for a gift exchange. The gift should be something male or female can use. It can be something new or a gag gift. What we do then is draw a name and that person picks out a gift and opens it. The next name drawn can pick a gift or take the gift a previous person has selected. This really gets interesting, and everyone has a lot of fun. Those who have been to the Christmas party in the past know what I am talking about.

We will also have a drawing for a door prize. We will draw for a addressable weather radio. Let me know if you plan to attend so we will know how much food to order. Send me an e-mail at mailto:vberko@juno.com, or call 747-0938 and leave me a message.

73, Vic, KA9LTV

ACARTS Elections

This is the current slate of members running for the Officer / Managers positions for 2002.

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President : Vic Berko - KA9LTV
Vice President : Dave Lindquist - W9LKH
Secretary: **OPEN OPEN**
Treasurer: Howard Pletcher - N9ADS

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Communications: Victor Guess - WB9UZA
Station Manager: Doug Jones - N9NNT
Fundraising: Jim Boyer - KB9IH

October ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic reported that he obtained two weather radios for about the price we expected to pay for one. One will be given as a door prize at the October general meeting, the other at the Christmas party.

It was reported that some of the October newsletters were returned for postage due. Some of the newsletters did weigh slightly over an ounce while others were just under an ounce. The most likely explanation was that the printer had mixed in some heavier paper.

Howard, N9ADS, stated that table sales for the hamfest are coming in at the normal rate.

Doug, N9NNT, reported that the tower man has not gotten back to check/repair the one new antenna that did not work after it was installed. He is aware of the intermittent problem with the 146.88 repeater and expects to have it repaired soon. The 147.255 repeater is still being worked on.

Jim, KB9IH, said that the pre-hamfest work is progressing OK.

Joel, KB9RH, said that he would contact the National Weather Service to schedule Skywarn training at the February general meeting.

A motion to adjourn was called by Howard, N9ADS, and seconded by Jim, KB9IH.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

October ACARTS General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

After introductions of the members present, the proposed amendment to the constitution which would allow officers to serve more than two consecutive terms was discussed. A motion to amend the constitution was made by Howard, N9ADS, and seconded by Don, WB8HQS. The motion was passed unanimously by the 14 members present.

Vic, KA9LTV, described the duties of the officers and managers. He presented a chart showing the current officeholders and opened the floor for nominations. All of the current officers and managers agreed to run for another term in their current position. No one present volunteered to run for the open positions of Secretary and Activities Manager.

Jim, KB9IH, announced that there would be a hamfest meeting on Tuesday, October 23.

A motion to adjourn was made by Howard, N9ADJ, and seconded by Doug, N9NNT.

During refreshments, the drawing for the weather radio was held. It was won by Wilbur Ort, KB9IQW. Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

FWDXA

Ft Wayne DX Association

Ft Wayne DX Association (FWDXA) News by Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

What is the Ft Wayne DX Association? It's an ARRL affiliated club consisting of hams specifically interested in DXing. We have about 40 members in the Northeast Indiana and Ohio area. Our web site is at www.qsl.net/fwdxa.

When was it formed? The FWDXA was founded in June 1975 by nine charter members. It was formed to "satisfy the mutual needs of a small group of Ft Wayne DXers with the intent of complementing those other local clubs of both broad scope and special interest."

When do we meet? We meet once a quarter, usually for a combined dinner and meeting at Fish of Stroh on Goshen Road in the Gateway Shopping Plaza. Our meetings are pretty informal, with discussions of DXing and other subjects as necessary (Allen County tower ordinance, PacketCluster, etc).

Each year the FWDXA helps out the Ft Wayne hamfest by organizing several forums covering all aspects of ham radio. The current officers are Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA (Pres), John Carlson NJ0U (VP), and John Goller K9UWA (Sec/Treas). If you're interested in DXing and the FWDXA, you can contact me at k9la@gte.net or at 637-6988.

Wilbur Ort, KB9IQW receiving the weather radio at the October ACARTS meeting

ARRL To FCC: No Commercial Users At 2390-2400 MHz!

from *The ARRL Letter* – The ARRL this week urged the FCC "in the strongest possible terms" to make no commercial allocations in the Amateur Service 2390 to 2400 MHz primary allocation. The League tentatively suggested, however, that hams might be willing to share the band with compatible government services that are displaced to make room for advanced wireless systems.

The ARRL told the FCC that advanced wireless services "are fundamentally incompatible with continued amateur access to the band."

The federal government, on the other hand, "has historically been a compatible sharing partner," the League said, adding that government uses would offer "the least disruptive opportunities for sharing" in the band. The ARRL made clear that such sharing should happen only "if it is absolutely necessary to re-accommodate some displaced users" and would be "subject to compatibility studies."

The ARRL commented this week in four separate proceedings dealing with allocations for advanced and third-generation wireless systems, the mobile satellite service and the Unlicensed Personal Communications Service (U-PCS). The ARRL focused its remarks on ET Docket 00-258, which included 2390-2400 MHz as a candidate band for advanced wireless services.

Commenting on the WINForum Petition for Rule Making (RM-9498) that seeks to modify technical rules for Part 15 U-PCS operation at 2390 to 2400 MHz, the ARRL reiterated its position of two years ago. The ARRL said it still opposed a power increase for asynchronous U-PCS devices in the band and said there can be no change in maximum power spectral density. The ARRL called those two provisions "critical to the compatible sharing plan that resulted in ARRL support of the U-PCS authorization" in the band.

The ARRL also asked the FCC to retain the non-government primary Amateur Service allocation at 2390-2400 MHz. The ARRL also noted that amateur allocations in the vicinity of 2 GHz "have been steadily eroded" through encroachment by other services.

Severe Weather Notes: October Outbreak

A powerful late-season storm system that formed over the central United States early on Wednesday October 24th resulted in a rare October tornado outbreak that affected northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio. Over 20 tornadoes were reported throughout the Midwest, including five in northeastern Indiana.

Early that morning, the Storm Prediction Center issued the daily convective outlook that placed all of Indiana, western Ohio, and extreme southern Michigan in a "High Risk" area for severe thunderstorms. A High Risk area is rare; on average, the National Weather Service uses such a designation only a few times each year. The statement noted that a "Significant severe weather outbreak..." was expected, including damaging winds and the threat of a few "significant" tornadoes.

At 11:28 am, the Storm Prediction Center issued a "PDS Tornado Watch" for all of Indiana and northwest Ohio. The "PDS" stands for "Particularly Dangerous Situation"; again, a term that is used only in extreme situations. Another tornado watch was issued for most of lower Michigan.

Most of the tornado and wind activity occurred to the northwest of Fort Wayne, with the storms decreasing in intensity as they moved across Allen County. Spotter reports in the city of Fort Wayne were of winds in the 35-40 m.p.h. range, with some additional reports of very heavy rain and resulting street flooding. With the tornado watch and activity that had occurred to our west, plus the issuance of tornado or severe thunderstorm warnings for almost every county, most spotters in Fort Wayne (like me) were probably saying "Where's the Beef?".

However, when the storms crossed the state line into Ohio, they re-intensified and wind, hail, and damage reports started coming in from Van Wert County, including numerous power outages. As the storms continued eastward into central Ohio, they intensified even further and caused more damage in the Columbus area.

The tornadoes that struck northern Indiana ranged from an F0 with a path of 50 yards to an F1 with a path of 33 miles to an F3 with a path of 22 miles. Most of the damage and injuries occurred in Kosciusco and Noble Counties, with one death reported in LaPorte County.

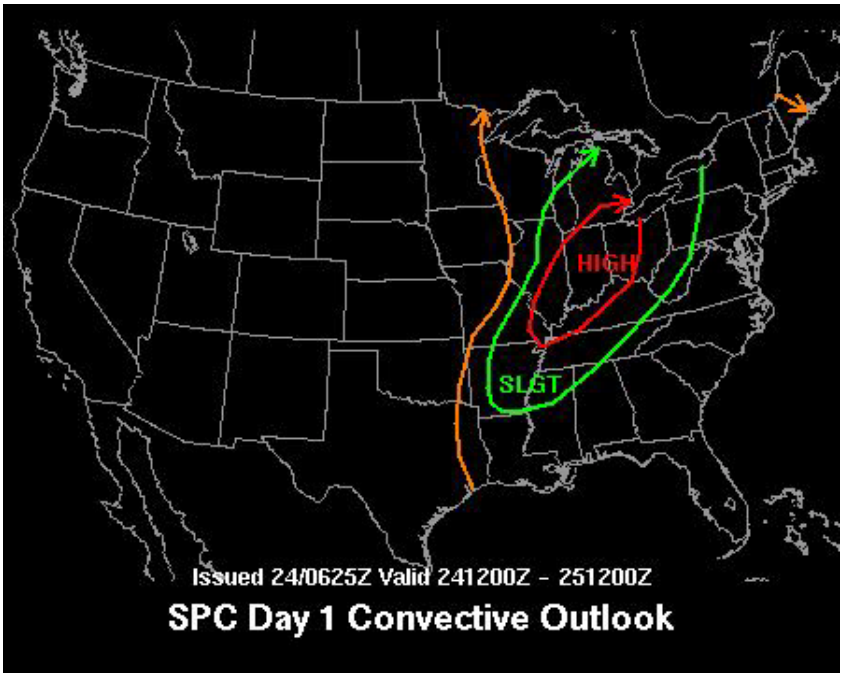
Even though there was not that much activity in the 11 counties of Area 2, thanks to the spotters who were monitoring "just in case". As far as Fort Wayne and Allen County, lets face it: we were just plain lucky.

After the severe weather had passed, the intensity of the storm system resulted in a high wind advisory for all of northeastern Indiana and northwestern Ohio for the next 48 hours. Sustained wind speeds were in the 25-35 m.p.h. range, with gusts as high as 50 m.p.h.. In addition, the cold front that moved through the area Wednesday evening brought down temperatures enough to produce very light snow flurries early Friday morning.

A final note. Attached to the tornado survey report from the National Weather Service was the following: "Thanks for the tremendous response from the Amateur Radio spotters and Net Control Stations in this rare October tornado outbreak. Your support is an integral part of the warning process and helped to keep deaths/injuries to a minimum."

Next month: year-end summary.

from Joel KB9RH



Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo
Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention
November 17 - 18, 2001, Fort Wayne, Indiana

The 29th Annual Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo and Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention, sponsored by the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (AC-ARTS), will be held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum at the corner of Indiana 930 (Coliseum Blvd.) and Parnell Ave. Open to the public 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. EST on Saturday and 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. EST on Sunday. Vendor setup is Friday evening and Saturday morning. Admission is only $5.00 (good for both days) at the door only. Parking is $3.00. There are over 1000 commercial and flea market tables (152,000 sq. ft.), all under one roof, containing both new and used radio, computer, and general electronics items. **Our guest speaker this year will be FCC Special Council for Amateur Radio Enforcement, Riley Hollingsworth.** Vendors include several International ham equipment manufacturers. Activities will include many forums and meetings and VE testing on Saturday. Shuttle bus service provided to and from commuter airport (Smith Field) and shopping centers. Talk-in on 146.88(-). For more information leave a message on the answering machine at (219) 483-8163 (tables) or (219) 484-1314 (general information) and you will be contacted. You can also send an SASE to AC-ARTS / Fort Wayne Hamfest, P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46851, or visit our World Wide Web site at http://www.acarts.com.

YK9A - Behind The Scenes #5

The YK9A ops

Even though none of us had met before, we truly worked together as a team to pull this off. And we had a great time, too. Here are my comments on the YK9A ops.

Al K7AR was our leader. He was with the November 1994 YK0A DXpedition, so he knew who to contact, knew our general operating conditions, knew where to stay, etc. He worked part-time as a radio announcer in college, and would entertain us by breaking into "announcer voices" at times. Thank goodness he didn't do it when he was on SSB. When the phone rang in the operating room, he'd sometimes answer in his best President Clinton voice (knowing that it was probably Omar YK1AO). He was fond of good-naturedly harassing Omar.

Dick N7RO was our most seasoned DXpedition team member. He mostly did CW. He and I seemed to be up on the roof a lot working on antennas. He brought his video camera, and he's sending out a tape to all of us.

Lee VE7CC was our iron man (no, not like the Three Rivers Festival ironman contest). He made about one third of our 26,000 Qs. If he wasn't at one of the rigs, we'd worry that something was wrong. Darn good operator. He was equally adept with CW and SSB, but did mostly CW. He's done quite a bit of contesting from VE6 and VE7 contest stations.

Melissa VA7MI is Lee's wife. The best way to describe her is "free spirit". She turned into our gopher, and thought nothing of taking a taxi to the market place in old Damascus by herself (no knowledge of Arabic, and French limited to oui, bon jour, and merci) to chase something down for us. Although she had no interest in operating, she did make a handful of Qs on 6m toward the end of the operation. When we would ask Lee where Melissa was, the usual answer was a shrug of his shoulders and "I don't know".

Bob W4DR was our low band guy. He's a retired dentist, and has been to several third-world African countries helping with dental issues. His passion was 160m and 80m, and he's what we needed to make as many Qs as we did on the low bands. BTW, he just won the ARRL's DeSoto Cup (to be presented at the Dayton DX Dinner Friday night) and was just elected to the CQ DX Hall of Fame.

Rosalie N4CFL is Bob's wife. She made about 900 Qs on SSB. She's been with Bob to many Third World countries, so not much surprised her.

Jim W4PRO is Bob's friend. He teamed with Bob to do most of the low band operating. I was very glad that Bob and Jim, along with sporadic help from Lee and Dick, took the night shift.

Vicky AE9YL topped the YLs with about 1200 SSB Qs. I'm happy to report that she did very well, and it was obvious her ZF2YL operating helped. I think I even heard her raise her voice once or twice when the EU pileup got rowdy.

And finally, me. I made enough Qs to make me happy (mostly on CW on 20m, 17m, 15m, 12m, and 10m). I did enjoy excursions to 10m SSB after North America sunrise to work W/VEs. I also enjoyed trying to fix the minor problems that came up.

Ops that didn't make it - Al K3VN expressed an interest in joining us, but we heard nothing from him after the initial exchange of e-mails. Bob G4VGO was all set to join us (with an FT1000MP, laptop, and amp), but had his passport stolen a day or two before we were to meet in Paris - not being able to get fast turnaround on a Syrian visa did him in. And Ali JY4NE showed up one day, but the YK authorities wouldn't let him operate (I still don't understand what that was all about).

Carl K9LA

Regional Hamfests

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
4 Nov 2001	Benton Harbor, MI	616-982-0404	http://www.comdac.com/bara
10 Nov 2001	Georgetown, OH	937-446-2338	WD8CTX@juno.com
17-18 Nov	Fort Wayne, IN	219-484-1314	http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com
24 Nov 2001	Evansville, IN	812-479-5741	http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm
9 Dec 2001	Greenfield, IN		kb9vzl@excite.com

For more complete information go to http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm.

For Sale & Wanted

For Sale: MFJ-1798 Vertical antenna. Covers 2-80 m. Minor damage, $125.00

Jim, KB9DOT 219-485-8559, jimandkim@juno.com

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For Sale: 50 foot Rohn 25G tower with guy cables, $200; TA-33 HF beam, $150; 16-LBX 2m beam, $100. Will deliver within reasonable distance. ND9Tim, 484-5833 or tkearney@alumni.nd.edu

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Wanted: New or slightly used MFJ 557 oscillator w/ keyer to practice sending code. Contact Jason Baker, KB9YJG, jmbllm@yahoo.com, or kb9yjg@aol.com, 219-485-3157. Thanks in advance

NOTE: For Sale & Wanted items will be listed for 2 months only unless the ad is resubmitted. If you sell an item the first month, please contact the editor so the item can be removed.

Good Article On Digital Television

For a good introduction to digital television be sure to read the article "Digital Television: An Overview" by By Tom Weeden, WJ9H in the web edition of *Badger State Smoke Signals* <http://www.bsss.org/digital_tv.htm>.

PCsat Commissioned and Operational

from *The ARRL Letter* – PCsat, the recently launched Naval Academy Amateur Radio Satellite, was activated for users on October 3. Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, requests that users first read and agree to the PCsat User Service Agreement, posted on the US Naval Academy Web site <http://www.ew.usna.edu/~bruninga/pcsat/contract.txt>. Bruninga said that, due to frequent resets on orbit a temporary change to normal operating procedures was made as of October 12 to permit users to digipeat via the call signs of W3ADO-1 and W3ADO-2. "Thus, whether it is in safe mode or not, the settings will not change for users," Bruninga said. PCsat provides a worldwide position, status and messaging service for mobile and handheld Amateur Radio satellite users. Bruninga said he hopes users will, for now, adhere to the maximum one-packet-per-two-minutes protocol. Base-station transmissions through PCsat "are not encouraged except for special tests, demos or other circumstances." PCsat is designed with no CPU other than two TNCs.

Test Points

03-Nov-2001
Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: WILLIAM C HALL (219)485-3995
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY GEORGETOWN BRANCH 6600 E STATE BLVD COMMUNITY ROOM
FORT WAYNE, IN 46815

17-Nov-2001
Sponsor: FORT WAYNE HAMFEST
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: WILLIAM C HALL (219)485-3995
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: ALLEN COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL COL 400 PARNELL AVENUE
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802

24-Nov-2001
Sponsor: W5YI-VEC — WHITLEY COUNTY ARC
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER (219)691-3009
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: WHITLEY COUNTY JAIL BASEMENT MEETING ROOM 101 W MARKET ST - SUITE C
N9QCL@ARRL.NET
COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

24-Nov-2001
Sponsor: VAN WERT VE GROUP
Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: ROBERT E HIGH (419)795-5763
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: EMA BLDG 1220 EAST RIDGE RD
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
VAN WERT, OH 45891

Computer Repair Humor:

An AST customer was asked to send a copy of her defective diskettes. A few days later a letter arrived from the customer along with photocopies of the floppies..

A Dell technician advised his customer to put his troubled floppy back in the drive and close the door. The customer asked the tech to hold on, and was heard putting the phone down, getting up and crossing the room to close the door to his room.

Another Dell customer called to say he couldn't get his computer to fax anything. After 40 minutes of trouble-shooting, the technician discovered the man was trying to fax a piece of paper by holding it in front of the monitor screen and hitting the "send" key.

Membership Application for ❒ FWRC - and/or - ❒ ACARTS

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: ____ ZIP : _____-[4]_____ Phone #: (_____) _____-_____ Unlisted? ❒ Yes

Email address: _____ ARRL Member? ❒ Yes

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? ❒ Yes ❒ No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. How would you like your newsletter delivered? ❒ by snail mail ❒ download from web site.

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership	❒ $15.00 / year
Family membership [1]	❒ $21.00 / year
Student membership [2]	❒ $6.00 / year
Associate membership [3]	❒ $15.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership	❒ $12.00 / year
Additional family members [1]	❒ $6.00 / year
Student membership [2]	❒ $6.00 / year
Associate membership [3]	❒ $6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are $1/month)

1. **Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.**
2. **K-12 or full time student**
3. **unlicensed member**
4. **9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail**

Please attach a check (number _____) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

Fort Wayne Radio Club
PO Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.
PO Box 10342
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club.

ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-)	General use / Skywarn priority
147.255 (+)	General use / Autopatch priority
443.800 (+)	General use

(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

144.390 (s)	APRS - wide
145.010 (s)	General use, NETROM (FWA) - wide
223.660 (s)	BBS use ONLY NETROM (FWA220) - wide

Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice:	146.76 (-)	General use; (2 sec. initial keyup delay)
	146.94 (-)	General use with autopatch
	146.91 (-)	Autopatch only
	444.875 (+)	General use
ATV:	439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control	

Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

IMO: meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88

Area Traffic Nets - Continued

Auburn: meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 6 p.m. (2300 UTC) on 147.015+

21 Repeater Group: meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

Miscellaneous Nets

Huntington ARES: Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

Whitley Co. / ARES: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

Whitley Co. Sunday: Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

Sloppy Code Net: Sundays at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 40M (7.1405 MHz). This CW net's purpose is to build confidence and help increase code speed. The speed is generally 1-10 WPM. If you want to copy only contact Henry, KA9ZNN at 749-8968 for details..

Six Meter AM net (informal): Every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on 50.580 MHz .